

bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"



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To: all welcome
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goodmorning bridge

Hi people!

Welcome to the 56th International Pula Bridge Festival!

So far I have bookings from... Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Scotland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and USA. I am sure I missed someone, so if you are coming from a country not listed here, let us know, and you will receive a special gift. As usually we have some world top players with us, I don't want to ruin the surprise, you will certainly recognize them once you see them or their names (high on) the lists.

As usual, we will play in the hotel Park Plaza Histria, if there is not enough space --- we will put some tables by the pool (taking pre-registrations). In the left wing of the lobby, you will find all things related to the bridge festival: Registration desk, Prize-giving desk, Partnership wall, and Information desk. Directly behind these administrative stations is the playing room. Check posters on the walls for the latest information, or just ask anyone around who looks exhausted and pretends to be busy and exhausting. We will also try to organize printers in the lobby where you will be able to print your personal scores. In order to do that you will first have to register at pulabridgefestival.com registration page and get your unique Pula Bridge Festival number.

Maybe you remember from last year that we have to keep track of where you are lodging. To remind you again, it is very important for us and for the success of the festival, that you book via www.arenaturist.com (using the code BRIDGE). If for any reason you do not include the code, still put BRIDGE in your comments. If you have any special requests or you need my assistance, you can send e-mail to me and I will take care of your bookings. If you make booking via arenaturist.com I would still appreciate if you send me e-mail and let me know that you are coming. I know it is far from standard practice, but you know, we are not standard, I like to know my guests.

For all tournaments, please register as early as possible. For both pairs and team tournaments you pay entries at

the table. You can also register online via pulabridgefestival.com, but you need to do it at least 3 hours before the start of the tournament. You can receive your prize for a given event one day afterward, by visiting the Prize-giving desk, which is open before and after every evening session. Please don't leave it until the last day, because at the victory ceremony we will be giving ONLY cups and trophies, and we will be forced to drink your prize.

Karaoke party will be held Monday at midnight (after the BAM tournament) at the Yacht Club (behind hotel Histria). If that won't be possible (rain), we will have a party in the Histria disco. Victory Ceremony will be held in the playing area on Saturday the 9th beginning at 9 p.m. After that, we will continue to party in the disco.

As usual, there are so many people who helped with the organization of the festival. I would first like to thank Mr. Witold Stachnik - President of the Polish Bridge Union - for lending equipment for the tournament. Slawek Latala, our chief TD, as well as all other TDs and stuff members helped a lot with promotion and organization. Croatian organizations also helped in these ways, so many thanks to Jurica Carić, Drago Diklić and Goran Lamza for lending screens, boards, and Bridge-Mates. Thanks to Anneke, Alison, Doris, Sylvie, Kiril, Steven, Geir, Gretchen, Mats, Renata & Marshall and many others for sharing information about the tournament and helping with promotion and bookings. Thanks to BBO, we will be able to broadcast all team events with Šimec & Co. as our on-site BBO team, and thanks to Traian Chira we will be able to provide video broadcasts too. So be beautiful while you play, the world is watching you! Finally, we could not run the festival without our ladies at the Registration desk, our TD team, computing team, board-prep crew, caddies and staff.

This year we start a new 5-year competition for the Brk Memorial Trophy, which will be awarded during this closing Victory Ceremony of 60th Pula bridge festival.

We prepared some little surprises for everybody, and we will be most generous with those who make their registrations for the various tournaments well in advance.

Engage!

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Tihana

Hello and welcome,

The Festival officially starts today with IMP pairs. This tournament begins at 9 p.m., which means that is the time cards should be pulled from the boards.

To participate at this tournament, as well as any other, you should register first. You can do it at Registration desk, which is in the left part (when facing the hotel) of the Park Plaza Histria, 7-8 p.m. Just fill in your names on the registration form, and you will pay at the table (please prepare the exact amount of money). Please do not be lazy and wait for the last moment. You can also register online at www.pulabridgefestival.com, but not after 6 p.m. Please don't make double registrations, they cause delay of tournament.

Once you have registered, there is nothing much you should do before the tournament except arrive at the lobby 15 minutes before the start (8.45) and find your table position on the lists posted on the wall.

IMP = TODAY = 9 p.m.

We will play 13-15 rounds, 2 hands per round and score the results with Bridge-mates.

As I am told, in this type of scoring you should bid and make games and slams, and beat opponents (well not literally) whenever possible. If you have to give them an undeserved trick, do it in a part-score. Smoking and leaving the playing area during the tournament is strictly forbidden, and disobeying this rule can cost you a serious number of IMPs. Your mobile phone should be shut down, and left in an visible place near you. Or you can leave it in your room. Be warned that having a mobile phone that is not openly displayed at the table is illegal, and so is looking at it at any point in time.

Here are last year's winners of this IMP-Pair event:

2016

1. Steven de Donder Richard Probst
2. Karolina Macielak Mariusz Macielak
3. Beartice Delle Coste Pierfrancesco Parolaro
4. Gergeley Siba Csaba Czimer
5. Vedran Zoric Matej Ivancic



2015

1. Jerry Stamatov- Diyan Danailov
2. Ognjen Stanicic - Vedran Zoric
3. Aleksandra Jesenicnik - Tolja Orac
4. Eva Bahnikova - Petr Bahnik
5. Gyorgy Marjai - Daniel Viktor

2014

1. Stanković Šćepanović
2. Svobodova Svoboda
3. Pilch Pieczka
4. Maszczysyn Swiatkowski
5. Probst Senior

2013

1. Laszczak Rutkowski
2. Ujma Drabczyk
3. Ribarska Ikov
4. Poznysz Ciereszko
5. Wolinski Stachnik

2012

1. Staber Karl Wartlick
2. Vermeiren Janssens
3. Radisic Đuricic
4. Michalek Stworzewicz
5. Scepovic Tesla

MIXED AND NON-MIXED TEAMS TOMORROW – SUNDAY 3 P.M. & 9 P.M.

"Mixed Team" is a team of 4-6 players (minimum 2 men and minimum 2 women). In every round each man must play with a woman, while each woman must play with a man. It is easier than it sounds. If your team doesn't fit this description, then you are Non-mixed. There is no team that is neither Mixed nor Non-mixed. If for any reason a Mixed team wants to play in the Non-mixed field, this is allowed but not recommended. Ladies decide if they want to be E or W, N or S. Men take care of bridge-mates, boards and drinks.

In both events, we will play 6 rounds, 8 boards per round. All boards will be prepared, so you will get diagrams afterwards. Leaving the room during play is not allowed. If there is an emergency you must call the director. The first 3 rounds will be a Swiss movement, and the last 3 rounds Danish movement.

Orientation timetable:

1st round: 15:00-16:05
2nd round: 16:20-17:25
3rd round: 17:40-18:45
(dinner break)
4th round: 21:00-22:05
5th round: 22:20-23:25
6th round: 23:40-00:45

We shall score with Bridge-mates. So if your result matches the one on the big screen you just go out and enjoy until the next round starts, but if it doesn't you should go to the computing desk and they will solve the problem. If you have any problem finding a team/pair/partner to play with, we have organized a "Partnership Wall" (located next to the Registration desk). You can leave a message, look at other players' posts, or wait until half an hour before the tournament, when there will be a meeting there for all those looking for partners.

Last year's winners are:

1. LA BOMBA Pilipovic Scepanovic Stanicic Sver
2. ♥Q Bohlke Herz Bea Parolaro Pierfrancesco Parolaro
3. YORIE Care Jesenicnik Klanjscek Marinovski Orac Sadar

2015.

1. FRANZ Artmer Simon Terraneo Terraneo
2. BARRACUDA de Donder, de Roos, Dobbels Fisher
3. LA BOMBA Pilipovic Scepanovic Sver Stanicic

2014

TOMI Braun Eggelling Gotard Jansma Jansma
FRANZ Artmer, Simon, S. & F.Terraneo
MY NAME IS BOBBY BROWN Domby Hudzka
Macskasy Nyardi

2013

1. DE PLAS Brewiak, Buniko/Chmiele(wski), Janeczek
2. XXXXXYXY Pritchard, Lewis, Muller, Toutenel
3. FRANZI Artmer, Simon, S. & F. Terraneo

2012

1. GOGA Buze Jarmocik, Sawicka Sawicki
2. ĐURĐA Bule Vera & Pero Seka & Jura Đurđa
3. GOODNEWS Barminskaya Malkova Prokhorov Solodar

2015 men's teams winners:

1. KONSTANTA Klaper Milasewski Skwark Stworzewic
2. MAJOR B Dolarevic Kajtaz Tezcan Tica
3. LODZ Grzelczak Lewaciak Pawlowski Zubiel

2014

1. DRYL Burakowski Kowalczyk Russyan Wisniewski
2. LAPLAS Ciechomski Igla Nawrocki Urbanski Wiankowski
3. PRAWDA ZA DEANA Kauzlaric Simic BHP Stankovic Zunic

2013

1. LETVE Kaludercic Katusic Martinovic Masic
2. LAPLAS Igla Lasota Nawrocki Wiankowski
3. AGA Gora Pietrzyk Sejud Sieczkowski



Interview: Marina Pilipović & Nikica Šver – golden girls

In the first bulletin of 2017, we present you crème de la crème of Croatian, European and world bridge, world champions, Croatian ladies Marina Pilipović and Nikica Šver. They won gold on world games in Wrocław last year, sharing the medal with Adi Asulin and Hila Levi from Israel. Both pairs of course won only because tough preparations in Pula, only few days before the world championship. Today we talked to Nikica and Marina, hoping to discover some secrets on how to win a world championship.



Did you expect it did you hope for it? How does it feel? What was the feeling once you realized you won?

Nikica: We hoped the medal would happen once, having been in the last few events 5th, 6th, always in the first 10 so it had to come to that as well, but pairs tournament is always a bit of luck so you can never expect... However, this particular tournament we were particularly hopeful because in her very young days, some 20 years before, Marina had visited a fortune teller and she asked her if she would ever get a bridge medal....and the woman told her she would get it when she turned 40.....and as Marina had her birthday in August last year.....:) Gold was particularly surprising, though.

Marina: I didn't expect it, but wished for it. It feels really good.

Do people now treat you differently?

Nikica: I don't feel anybody treats me especially differently, I would say we all know where somebody stands in bridge more or less, and as there were quite a few people who told me they were happy for me because I deserved it, I want to believe that it is the justification for many years of effort rather than a chance event that changes people around me.

Marina: No.

Is there any special recipe to win world championship?

Nikica: Try to develop a long term partnership, preferably longer than 10 years☺, enjoy the play, the atmosphere and be aware that when you play 350 boards there will be some very bad ones on the way so do not get yourself depressed with them... I'm sure some other people have some other recipes but those worked for me☺

Marina: I was reading cheap love novels between sessions to relax.

What would you recommend to young bridge player?

Nikica: Being known in bridge circles as a rather steady player I was once asked if I never had the urge to do something wild and irrational....and I replied that of course I did but then I wait until it goes away....some people told me it was quite helpful ☺

Marina: Talent is important, but it is not essential. You have to find a good mentor and to play, play, play.

Is bridge different now, after all these frauds were discovered?

Nikica: Believe it or not, a lot of people say the difference was obvious immediately in Budapest, I must say I feel it as well....suddenly, everybody becomes a bit more human, making silly mistakes... there was a term used for it "camerophobia"☺

Marina: Yes. It is more pleasant now. In previous days sometimes I felt I was cheated, not anymore.

What do you expect from your bridge partner, what qualities he/she must have? What you particularly dislike in a partnership or bridge attitude?

Nikica: Well, perfect qualities would be eagerness to work hard, learn and practice the system, being a fighter never giving up, having a bit of aggressiveness and imagination in yourself as well as having ability to argue logically....as we all know

nobody is perfect, Marina has some of them☺. What I really dislike at the bridge table is any kind of dishonesty and impoliteness.

Marina: He/she should be reliable in bidding and good in defence. I really dislike slow play, and players who ask too many questions.



Do you, or did you have bridge role-model, who is he/she? Why?

Nikica: I can't really say I've ever had role models, most of these people are my friends now, but I do admire the Italians for their system, Zia because he is.....well, Zia, and among females I think Sabine is a great player because of her stamina and ability to play and win with anyone.

Marina: I would like to play with Hamman. I never had an idol, except of Brk, perhaps, who was my partner for many years and taught me a lot.

What do you do when you are not busy with bridge?

Nikica: I am an English teacher at a small school near Zagreb....I also have a small bridge group there☺ Besides, with my husband's help I undertake the challenge of raising a 14 year old teenager.

Marina: I work, I study, I also work a lot for bridge as a secretary of Croatian bridge federation I help in organizing tournaments and promotion of bridge in general.

You are regular Pula visitor...

Nikica: Pula is for me much more than a tournament....I've been coming here since I was a child, with my parents who are bridge players, my son has been coming here every year since he was 1 month old, and when I was applying for the job my request was always to be able to be away the first week in September....that should tell enough☺

Marina: I always go to Pula. Because of Pula I didn't go to my „end of high-school trip“. I missed only one Pula when I was playing Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000 (with Tihana, current tournament manger). I was afraid how tournament would continue after Brk, but it is okay. (Okay??? Ed. Comment)



**Your bridge stinks?
Win prizes nevertheless!**

Aha. I want to announce a contest for the best article on the theme: *why do I like it here.*

The article must contain 300-500 words. Just send it via e-mail: tihana@pilar.hr It can be a description of your whole time here, but also it can be just a record of a fabulous meal or well played hand, any great thing that happened here.



The second contest is for those keen on photography. So, on the same topic you should take a photo, and bring it in electronic format to the Press room. Every entrant should bring at most 3 photos for this contest.

A special secret committee of the editorial board of GoodMorning Bridge will rate all articles and photos. In the last bulletin we will pronounce the winners of both contests and they will receive prizes at the Prize-giving ceremony.

PLEASE!

**POST PHOTOS TO FESTIVAL
FACEBOOK PAGE
THE BEST PHOTO WILL WIN A
PRIZE!**

**IF YOU WANT TO
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PULA BRIDGE FESTIVAL
IN YOUR COUNTRY
LET US KNOW
Find me ☺!**

IF YOU WANT TO

- PROMOTE YOUR TOURNAMENT
- THANK SOMEONE
- CONGRATULATE SOMEONE
- POST BIRTHDAY WISHES

SEND e-mail to tihana@pilar.hr
or post it on the Festival's Facebook page

IMPORTANT

1. A CONVENTION CARD IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! You can get your copy at the Registration desk.
2. AT THE REGISTRATION DESK YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE DO SO!
3. You can also REGISTER ONLINE via pulabridgefestival.com Please use this option. Online registrations are open up to 3 hours before every tournament.
4. Entries for all tournaments are paid at the table. PLEASE PREPARE THE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY.
5. COLLECT YOUR PRIZE AT PRIZE-GIVING DESK THE DAY AFTER YOU WIN IT.
6. WE GIVE SOME BIZZARE PRIZES (Cro-Int... wtf?). YOU MAY BE A WINNER EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE NO CHANCE. PLEASE CHECK!

TAXI RATES IN PULA

**START = 2 EUR (15 Kn)
1 KM = 1.5 EUR (10 Kn)**

Ask us and we will call taxi for you!

Prizes for special categories

In every tournament we have many special prizes. These prizes are non-cumulative, so if you win a regular prize you can't also win one of these, and also you cannot win more than one special prize per tournament. Special prizes are awarded only if there are at least 5 teams/pairs in the category.

When you register for a tournament you *should indicate on the form which categories you belong to*, otherwise we will not be able to give you your award, even if you fit into a certain category.

TEAM EVENTS

A team can be in 0 or 1 or 2 of these categories:

LADIES TEAM = all ladies
MIXED TEAM = minimum 2 ladies, minimum 2 men
JUNIOR TEAM = all players born 1991 or later
SENIOR TEAM = all players born 1951 or earlier

Every team is in exactly ONE of these categories:

CROATIAN TEAM = all players from Croatia
FOREIGN TEAM = all players from same foreign country
INTERNATIONAL TEAM = players from at least two different foreign countries, not including any Croatian
CRO-INTERNATIONAL TEAM = at least 1 Croatian and 1 foreign player.

Examples:

- a. 4 women playing together, all born before 1950. One player is from Italy, one from Sweden, two Croatsians. This team is: Ladies, Seniors, and Cro-International.
- b. 2 ladies and 4 men playing in the team. 4 of them are juniors. All of them from Poland. This team is mixed and foreign. It is not a junior team because some players are older.

PAIR EVENTS

A pair can be in 0 or 1 or 2 of these categories:

LADIES = 2 women
MIXED = 1 man & 1 woman
JUNIOR = both born 1991 or later
SENIOR = both born 1951 or earlier

Every pair is in exactly one of these categories:

CROATIAN = both from Croatia
FOREIGN = both from the same foreign country
INTERNATIONAL = players from different foreign countries, neither from Croatia
CRO-INTERNATIONAL = 1 Cro + 1 any other country

Special prizes are awarded only if there are at least 5 teams/pairs in the category. When filling in the entry form, please specify your categories correctly, otherwise we will not be able to give you your award.

In different events we give prizes for different categories. For specifications please see leaflets with schedule and prizes, which you can find all around the bridge areas.

Junior discounts on entry fees

FOR PAIRS TOURNAMENT if you were born in 1991 or later your entry fee is reduced.

FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENT if all players are born in 1991 or later your entry fee is reduced.

Definition of Mixed and Men's (OPEN) for Mixed/Men's events

- MIXED: 2 PERSON OF OPPOSITE SEXES PLAYING TOGETHER ALL THE TIME
- IF YOU ARE NOT MIXED, YOU ARE MEN (OPEN)

Working hours

Registration Desk

Saturday: 7 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (before the tournament)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m (after the tournament)

Sunday: 1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. (before the tournament)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m (after the tournament)

Prize-giving Desk

Sunday: 8.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between sessions)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m. (after the tournament)

Information Desk

Saturday: 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament)

Sunday: 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before 2nd session)

Tihana

Non-stop, find me. (tihana@pilar.hr, +385 99 666 8877)

Partnership desk (wall) is right next to Registration desk. Leave your message there! Meetings with possible partner/team-mates, 30 minutes before every tournament

PARTIES & TRIPS & PLACES AROUND

KARAOKE PARTY

September 4th (Monday) at midnight

Starts right after BAM teams at the YACHT Club
(5 minutes' walk from Park Plaza Histria)

Discounts on drinks.

KAMENJAK – September 5th (Tuesday)

Spend a free day at Kamenjak (most beautiful beaches and nature) and awesome Jungle Bar.

If you need transfer please let us know at the Information desk.

VICTORY CEREMONY

September 9th (Saturday)
9 p.m. – Playing area

10 p.m. -- PARTY at disco in Hotel Histria

EVERY DAY

POOL OF PARK PLAZA VERUDELA
&
YACHT CLUB
IS WHERE
DAY TIME FUN IS

10% DISCOUNT FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS
FIND COUPONS IN THE LOBBY

Wi-fi doesn't work?

Your partner needs a partner?

You want someone to pretend to be your partner/girlfriend?

You want us to introduce you to someone?

You broke your leg, teeth, car, relationship, partnership?

You need a baby sitter/hairdrier/bike/pain killers?

You just agreed to play, but you are not really sure if you belong to mixed or non-mixed?

You want to print/scan/copy something?

You forgot where you live?

Something/one bit you?

You have ants/a cat/unknown person in your apartment?

You lost your cat/credit card/convention card/shoes?

You have to hide from someone?

You found sunglasses/mobile/child/love of your life?

You need a place to sleep (whatever)?

You agreed with 2+ persons for the same tournament?

THESE ARE ALL REAL SITUATIONS FROM PREVIOUS FESTIVALS. NOTHING CAN SURPRISE US.

**CONTACT US IN CONFIDENCE;
WE WILL GLADLY HELP**

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Histria, 1 km from Horizont

FIND COUPONS FOR CCA 50% DISCOUNT AT PREVIOUS PAGE

There are many exciting places to have fun in Pula, and this is one of them. The park features **30 thrilling and fun elements for children and adults**, including rope elements, balance bridges and many other elements. But, that's not all! If you want to fly, there are also **80 m long zip-line** and 3 mini zip-lines so you can ride through the air.

Elements range in difficulty levels and heights, and are **suitable for children aged 4 and up**. We can offer you an exciting day under the pine trees, as well as an amazing individual, family or group experience. If you are looking for the next challenge, we suggest you to visit our park and try to complete all the obstacles on the course – you won't regret it!



Not a huge fan of heights? Step outside your comfort zone and your fear will quickly turn into excitement.

To ensure you have a great time and feel comfortable at our park, we will give you a mandatory safety briefing that demonstrate how to climb and zip line. Our fully qualified and trained instructors will help you get the safety equipment properly fitted and explain you the clip-on system and how it works.

Once you receive all the safety instructions, you are free to try as many courses as you want. Your unforgettable adventure starts here!

Quality and reliability guaranteed

The Adventure Park was built by Ekoing, a company specialized for all works at heights. Their employees have years of experience building adventure parks and other elements in Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Austria and Germany.

The park is built according to AARP (Absolute Adventure Roping Poligon), a completely new project conceived and designed by experts from Ekoing team. Participants of all ages can safely overcome challenges, choosing the paths that fit their level of physical ability.

Grand Slamming in Lyon

By Meštar

I've watched a fair amount of bridge from the Bermuda Bowl being held in Lyon, and my favourite deal is the very last one. It wasn't even played in the Bermuda Bowl, but rather in the Transnational Teams. Only one pair managed to solve the deal right, Andrew Robson and David Gold of England. You deal and open a strong no trump holding AJxx Ax KQJx Jxx. It's just you and your partner bidding.

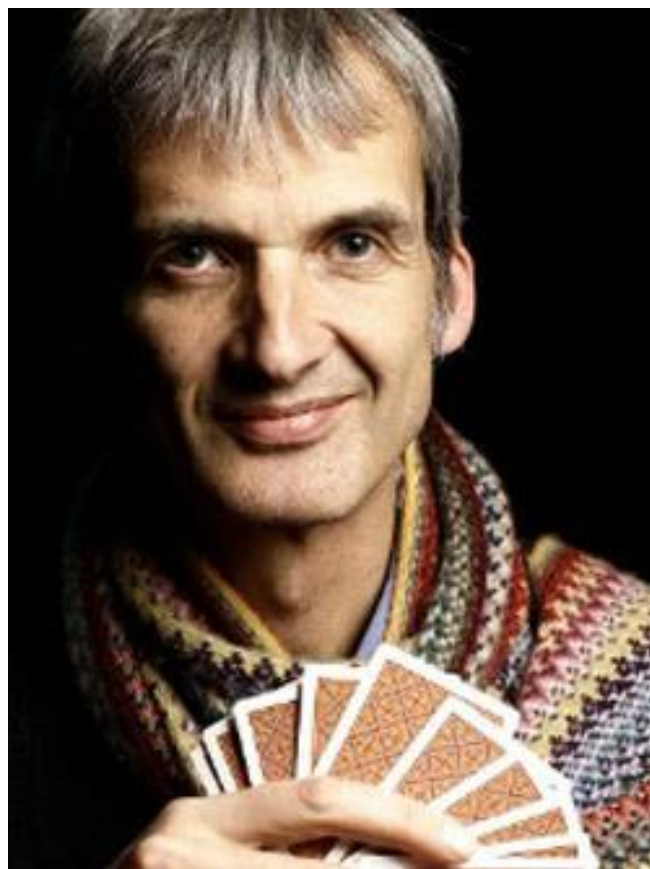
1NT	2♥
3♠	4♣
4♦	4NT
5♥	6♣
?	

4♣ was a cuebid in support of spades, 4N keycard ask, and 6♣ confirmed the possession of all the keycards, the spade queen and asked for a 3rd round control in clubs. Most tables signed off in 6♠, as they didn't have the 3rd round control in clubs, but before we do that, let's consider what partner's hand is, and what tricks we can take. Partner bid blackwood without us cuebidding hearts, so he'll have a heart cuebid, since we have the ace either the king or shortness. Asking for a 3rd round control in clubs without having a 2nd round control would be rather pointless so he has the club king as well. That means we can take 5 spades, 4 diamonds, 2 clubs and the heart ace for 12 sure tricks. If partner's heart cuebid was based on the king we have 13 top tricks. We also have 13 tricks if he has a 6th spade. So the only problematic hand is partner having 5spades, short hearts, and some minors. The spade grand would be a poor contract, needing clubs to be played for no losers. So do you sign off in 6♠ or bid the optimistic grand hoping for the heart king, 6th spade or a bit of luck in clubs? Andrew Robson found a better bid, 7♦!!! The spade grand may be poor, but the diamond one is a pretty good bet. Even if partner has 5125 it's not too far of the mark, and what would be sweeter than

bringing in the grand in a 6card fit, dodging the 9 card and the 8 card fit!

David Gold's hand was KQxxx x Axx AKxx, he passed the 7♦ bid, and duly won 19imps when the other table was in a spade grand going down. I asked David if he would have left the bid in, had his hand been KQxxx x Ax AKxxx, and sure enough he said that he would, as he could see his partner's whole hand! Four spades from the super accept, four diamonds for the suggestion to play 7♦ and three clubs, as he would just bid 7♠ on a doubleton. KQJ of diamonds as he wanted to play grand in the suit opposite ♦ Axx, and the 2 aces that were responded to Blackwood.

It's a rare enough thing to know your partner's whole hand without using some fancy system, but for both players to know exactly what the other one has using nothing but natural bidding was for this kibitzer an amazing end to a world championship.



Online registration – NEW

Thanks to Luka Donđivić, we are now able to make online registration for both pairs and teams tournament.

How to do it:

1. You should go to www.pulabridgefestival and follow the link
2. You will be asked to provide your name, year of birth and gender (we need this information for special-prizes like best juniors or mixeds) and e-mail.
3. You will get your unique Pula bridge festival number. For now this number will allow you to print your personal score at computers in the lobby, but later it will also be useful for bookings and many other things.
4. Once you are registred as participant of Pula bridge festival you will be able to register for any tournament you like.
5. To make registration with certain player, he has to be registered too.
6. Once you register him to play with you in teams or pairs, he will get confirmation on his e-mail.

Special prizes at Pula bridge festival

Lara Tiara

In the memory of our friend and Croatian national player, **Lara Ruso**, to whom our Mixed pairs tournament is dedicated, we give a crystal tiara to the lady winner. Winner of last years festival gives tiara to the new winner. Just as it should be, Tiara goes to different country every year.

Lady winners so far:

2016. Valeria Bianchi ITA

2015. Aida Jansma NL

2014. Kremena Kapitanski BUL

2013. Paula Svobodova CZE



Brk memorial Trophy

Last year Goran Radišić, from Serbia, won 1st Brk memorial trophy, being the player with best cummulative score in Brk open pairs from 2012-2016.

This year we start a new 5-year competition.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- ♣ Always be on time!
- ♣ Make your registration in advance!
- ♣ For both pair and team games you should register at the Registration desk at least one hour before an event starts, but please do it as soon as possible.
- ♣ You can register online at pulabridgefestival.com. Please use this possibility and register in advance.
- ♣ For both teams and pairs you pay entry at the table – please prepare exact amount of money to put in the envelope, we will return the change sometime during the tournament.
- ♣ Slow play will not be tolerated.
- ♣ Remain seated until the change is announced!
- ♣ Bridge-mates will be used in all events.
- ♣ Boards are duplicated in all events.
- ♣ Do not leave the table during a session. If you have to do so – call the TD.
- ♣ Your mobile phone, and any other electronic devices, must be switched off – and put on the table or chair next to you. Or leave them in your room.
- ♣ The convention card is not obligatory, but we recommend it. Please feel free to take a copy at the Registration desk.
- ♣ Make your opening leads face down.
- ♣ Leave the boards and the bidding boxes on the table.
- ♣ Be nice to your partner, opponents, officials of the tournament and others...only together can we make this tournament a friendly and comfortable place for all.
- ♣ Follow the ALERT procedure!
- ♣ 1 NT opening bid, if not 15-18 balanced variety must be alerted!
- ♣ 1NT opening bid on hands that can have less than 10 HCP is not allowed.
- ♣ HUM and Brown Sticker methods are not allowed (please check with TD if you are not sure about conventions you use).
- ♣ Do not alert any bids higher than 3NT.
- ♣ Psychics of strong openings are not allowed. Strong openings are when the minimum is 15 HCP or more.

How You can help us

- ♣ Register in advance, either Registration desk or www.pulabridgefestival.com
- ♣ Don't make double registrations – agree with your partner/team who will register
- ♣ When making entries - PRINT your names (as readable as possible)
- ♣ Prepare the exact amount of money to put in the envelope for entry fees
- ♣ Close the bidding boxes after the last round
- ♣ Collect your prize as soon as possible
- ♣ Be nice to your partner and opponents
- ♣ Write something for the Bulletin or Bring us a photo from the Festival
- ♣ Send us your story (bridge or not) to be published in the bulletin (tihana@pilar.hr)
- ♣ Publish on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
- ♣ Talk to others about Pula bridge festival
- ♣ Please make bookings (for the next year) via arenaturist.com (promo code: BRIDGE) or ask Tihana to do it for you (tihana@pilar.hr)